AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please rewrite the claims as follows:

Claims 1-27 (Canceled)

27. (New)   An image input system, which includes an image input device having a plurality of operation modes and a computer having a plurality of software programs each corresponding to each of the plurality of operation modes of the image input device, comprising:

a transmitting unit adapted to transmit information indicating an operation mode set in said image input device to said computer when said image input device and said computer are connected with each other and a communication between said image input device and said computer is established;

a receiving unit arranged in said computer and adapted to receive the information indicating the operation mode set in said image input device; and

a control unit adapted to select a software program, which corresponds to the operation mode set in said image input device, from a plurality of software programs and make start the selected software program.

28. (New)   The system according to claim 27, wherein the operation modes of said image input device include at least one of an image playback mode, image sensing mode, panoramic image sensing mode, and slideshow playback mode.

29. (New)   The system according to claim 28, wherein in the case that the

operation mode of said image input device is the image playback mode, said control

unit selects an image browsing software and makes start the image browsing

software, and the image browsing software loads all images in said image input

device.

30. (New)   The system according to claim 28, wherein in the case that the

operation mode of said image input device is the image sensing mode, said control

unit selects an image sensing software and makes start the image sensing software,

and the image sensing software displays a preview image and senses an image on

said computer.

31. (New)   The system according to claim 28, wherein in the case that the

operation mode of said image input device is the panoramic image sensing mode,

said control unit selects a panoramic image generation software and makes start the

panoramic image generation software, and the panoramic image generation software

loads images which are sensed in the panoramic image sensing mode and stored in

said image input device, and executes a synthesis process of the loaded images.

32. (New)   The system according to claim 28, wherein in the case that the

operation mode of said image input device is the slideshow playback mode, said

control unit selects a slideshow playback software and makes start the slideshow

playback software, and the slideshow playback software loads images in said image

input device and displays the loaded images on a screen of said computer.

33. (New)   The system according to claim 27, wherein when said image input device and said computer are disconnected in a state that said image input device and said computer are connected with each other and the software program corresponding to the operation mode of said image input device is operating, said control unit keeps the software program operating.

34. (New)   The system according to claim 27, wherein when said image input device and said computer are disconnected in a state that said image input device and said computer are connected with each other and the software program corresponding to the operation mode of said image input device is operating, said control unit terminates an operation of the software program.

35. (New)   The system according to claim 27, wherein when said image input device and said computer are disconnected in a state that said image input device and said computer are connected with each other and the software program corresponding to the operation mode of said image input device is operating, it is set in every software program whether the software is kept in an operating state or an operation of the software is terminated.

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36. (New)   The system according to claim 27, wherein the operation mode of

said image input device is switched by a fixed switch or dial switch arranged on said

image input device, or operation/setup menu in an LCD panel.

37. (New)   An image input system, which includes an image input device

having a plurality of operation modes and a computer having a single software

which has a plurality of modes each corresponding to each of the plurality of

operation modes of the image input device, comprising:

a transmitting unit adapted to transmit information indicating an operation

mode set in said image input device to said computer when said image input device

and said computer are connected with each other and a communication between said

image input device and said computer is established;

a receiving unit arranged in said computer and adapted to receive the

information indicating the operation mode set in said image input device; and

a control unit adapted to select a mode, which corresponds to the operation

mode set in said image input device, from the plurality of modes of the software

program and make start the software program with the selected mode.

38. (New)   The system according to claim 37, wherein the operation modes of

said image input device include at least one of an image playback mode, image

sensing mode, panoramic image sensing mode, and slide show playback mode.

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39. (New)   The system according to claim 38, wherein in the case that the

operation mode of said image input device is the image playback mode, said control

unit selects an image browsing mode and makes start the software program with the

image browsing mode, and the software program loads all images in said image

input device.

40. (New)   The system according to claim 38, wherein in the case that the

operation mode of said image input device is the image sensing mode, said control

unit selects an image sensing mode and makes start the software program with the

image sensing mode, and the software program displays a preview image and senses

an image on said computer.

41. (New)   The system according to claim 38, wherein in the case that the

operation mode of said image input device is the panoramic image sensing mode,

said control unit selects a panoramic image generation mode and makes start the

software program with the panoramic image generation mode, and the software

program loads images which are sensed in the panoramic image sensing mode and

stored in said image input device, and executes a synthesis process of the loaded

images.

42. (New)   The system according to claim 38, wherein in the case that the

operation mode of said image input device is the slideshow playback mode, said

control unit selects a slideshow playback mode and makes start the software

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program with the slideshow playback mode, and the software program loads images in said image input device and displays the loaded images on a screen of said computer.

43. (New)   The system according to claim 37, wherein when said image input device and said computer are disconnected in a state that said image input device and said computer are connected with each other and the software program is operated with a mode corresponding to the operation mode of said image input device, said control unit keeps the software program operating.

44. (New)   The system according to claim 37, wherein when said image input device and said computer are disconnected in a state that said image input device and said computer are connected with each other and the software program is operated with a mode corresponding to the operation mode of said image input device, said control unit terminates an operation of the software program.

45. (New)   The system according to claim 37, wherein when said image input device and said computer are disconnected in a state that said image input device and said computer are connected with each other and the software program is operated with a mode corresponding to the operation mode of said image input device, it is set in every mode whether the software is kept in an operating state or an operation of the software is terminated.

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46. (New)   The system according to claim 37, wherein the operation mode of

said image input device is switched by a fixed switch or dial switch arranged on said

image input device, or operation/setup menu in an LCD panel.

47. (New)   A method of controlling an image input system, which includes an

image input device having a plurality of operation modes and a computer having a

plurality of software programs each corresponding to each of the plurality of

operation modes of the image input device, comprising:

a transmitting step of transmitting information indicating an operation mode

set in said image input device to said computer when said image input device and

said computer are connected with each other and a communication between said

image input device and said computer is established;

a receiving step of receiving by the computer the information indicating the

operation mode set in said image input device; and

a control step of selecting a software program, which corresponds to the

operation mode set in said image input device, from the plurality of software

programs and making start the selected software program.

48. (New)   A method of controlling an image input system, which includes an

image input device having a plurality of operation modes and a computer having a

single software program which has a plurality of modes each corresponding to each

of the plurality of operation modes of the image input device, comprising:

a transmitting step of transmitting information indicating an operation mode

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set in said image input device to said computer when said image input device and

said computer are connected with each other and a communication between said

image input device and said computer is established;

a receiving step of receiving by said computer the information indicating the

operation mode set in said image input device; and

a control step of selecting a mode, which corresponds to the operation mode

set in said image input device, from the plurality of modes of the software program

and making start the software program with the selected mode.

49. (New)   A storage medium that stores a control program for controlling an

image input system, which includes an image input device having a plurality of

operation modes and a computer having a plurality of software programs each

corresponding to each of the plurality of operation modes of the image input device,

said control program comprising:

a code of a transmitting step of transmitting information indicating an

operation mode set in said image input device to said computer when said image

input device and said computer are connected with each other and a communication

between said image input device and said computer is established;

a code of a receiving step of receiving by the computer the information

indicating the operation mode set in said image input device; and

a code of a control step of selecting a software program, which corresponds

to the operation mode set in said image input device, from the plurality of software

programs and making start the selected software program.

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50. (New)   A storage medium that stores a control program for controlling an

image input system, which includes an image input device having a plurality of

operation modes and a computer having a single software program which has a

plurality of modes each corresponding to each of the plurality of operation modes of

the image input device,

said control program comprising:

a code of a transmitting step of transmitting information indicating an

operation mode set in said input device to said computer when said image input

device and said computer are connected with each other and a communication

between said image input device and said computer is established;

a code of a receiving step of receiving by said computer the information

indicating the operation mode set in said image input device; and

a code of a control step of selecting a mode, which corresponds to the

operation mode set in said image input device, from the plurality of modes of the

software program and making start the software program with the selected mode.

51. (New)   A program product that comprises a control program for controlling

an image input system, which includes an image input device having a plurality of

operation modes and a computer having a plurality of software programs each

corresponding to each of the plurality of operation modes of the image input device,

said control program comprising:

a code of a transmitting step of transmitting information indicating an

operation mode set in said image input device to said computer when said image

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input device and said computer are connected with each other and a communication

between said image input device and said computer is established;

a code of a receiving step of receiving by the computer the information

indicating the operation mode set in said image input device; and

a code of a control step of selecting a software program, which corresponds

to the operation mode set in said image input device, from the plurality of software

programs and making start the selected software program.

52. (New)   A program product that comprises a control program for controlling

an image input system, which includes an image input device having a plurality of

operation modes and a computer having a single software program which has a

plurality of modes each corresponding to each of the plurality of operation modes of

the image input device,

said control program comprising:

a code of a transmitting step of transmitting information indicating an

operation mode set in said image input device to said computer when said image

input device and said computer are connected with each other and a communication

between said image input device and said computer is established;

a code of a receiving step of receiving by said computer the information

indicating the operation mode set in said image input device; and

a code of a control step of selecting a mode, which corresponds to the

operation mode set in said image input device, from the plurality of modes of the

software program and making start the software program with the selected mode.

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